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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

I am writing to register my objection to the proposed Microsoft settlement. I do not believe the current proposal serves the interests of promoting competition or remedying the impact on the American consumer.

Specifically, I believe the current proposal will stifle competition by giving Microsoft a leg-up on competitors under the guise of a settlement. Permitting Microsoft to settle the matter by delivering Microsoft products to school systems, which traditionally tend to favor other vendors (e.g., Apple), would be tantamount to state-sponsorship of the extension of Microsoft's monopoly.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

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"Whom the gods have chosen to destroy they will teach IBM JCL programming."